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MOVING DAY ARRIVES

Since March 5, when the movement of the book collections to the new NLM building in Bethesda began, the hallways of the old building have been a shambles. Packing cases, book trucks, and mover's dollies are everywhere. The moving vans have usurped the larger portion of the parking lot. Shelving is in several stages of disassembly and removal. Staff tempers are becoming somewhat short.

On closer inspection, however, the seeming chaos dissolves and patterns of order are clearly much in evidence. Two vanloads of books have moved out regularly each day, and the whole carefully planned schedule is being met. Ray W. Grim and William H. Kurth of the NLM staff, who are responsible for the planning and coordination of the move, are the recipients of well-deserved compliments from Library managers and moving crews alike.

In Bethesda Joseph McGroarty has been supervising the erection and placement of new furniture, even though this often requires keeping out of the way of the workmen who are still putting finishing touches on the building. All stack uprights are in place but a weekly delivery of steel shelves is required to keep one jump ahead of the shelving teams.

All nineteenth century monographs, all theses, and most of the twentieth century monographs had been moved by the end of March. The staff continues to fill orders for interlibrary loans from both segments of the collection, but it can be foreseen that this will eventually break down, and that service on some portion of the collection will have to be temporarily suspended. The situation will become acute as the movement of serials begins; one of NLM's new "roving cameras" will be placed in operation at the new building in an attempt to keep this problem within reasonable dimensions.

Wrapping and packing has begun at the History of Medicine Division in Cleveland; the moving of this collection to Bethesda will be completed before the end of April. Remaining portions of library materials in the old building are expected to be moved by the end of the first week in May.

The first segment of personnel to move to the new building will be from Mr. Taine's Bibliographic Services Division. They will make the shift over a ten-hour period on April 6, will try to adjust and shake down on April 7 and be in business again on April 9.

The last day on which the Library is open to the public in the old building will be April 11. On April 12, 13, and 14 the rest of the staff and equipment will move to Bethesda and the NLM will reopen for business, as best it can manage, on April 16 at the Bethesda site.

And then, after seventy-five years, ending with sixty days of turmoil, it is indeed farewell to the old red brick building on the Mall in Washington, and a new era begins for the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland.

CUMULATED INDEX MEDICUS, VOLUME 2

Cumulated Index Medicus, Volume 2, 1961. Chicago, American Medical Association, 1962. In three parts. Part I: List of Journals Indexed, Author Index; 54, 1577 p. Part II: Subject Index A-J, 1353 p. Part III: Subject Index K-Z, p.1353-2741 (i.e., 1388 p.). Available from American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, at $35 for the set ($40 outside the U.S. and Canada).

The second volume of the Cumulated Index Medicus was received at the National Library of Medicine on March 14, approximately three months after NLM had completed its work on the manuscript and shipped the film to the American Medical Association in Chicago. The first shipment of the Author section was made on November 27, and the final shipment on December 1, for a total of 15 reels of film. The first shipment of the Subject section was made on December 14 and the final shipment on December 21, for a total of 22 reels of film.

Work on the January 1962 issue of the Index Medicus was begun and completed at the same time that work was progressing on the Cumulated Index Medicus. Problems were encountered in using a new type of film, and numerous malfunctions of the camera occurred from its continuous use for so many hours. For one period of time the staff of the Bibliographic Services Division worked sixteen hours a day to process the tremendous volume of cards that had accumulated during the year. There are 140,000 citations, listed under multiple subjects and authors, in this volume.

We suggest to the medical library community that the Cumulated Index Medicus deserves a greater measure of support in the way of a lengthened subscription list.

BIOMEDICAL SERIALS, 1950-1960

The latest NLM publication, Biomedical Serials, 1950-1960, will be off the press on April 20. Issued as Public Health Service Publication No. 910, it consists of 503 pages and is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at $3 per copy. This list was compiled by Mrs. Lela M. Spanier of the NLM staff.

Biomedical Serials is a selective list of serials held by NLM for the decade 1950-1960. From a working file of about 18,500 titles, 8,939 were selected for this list. Of these, 3,228 titles are presumably dead, leaving 5,711 live titles of current substantive medical serials, including the secondary indexing and abstracting publications.

WORLD MEDICAL PERIODICALS

The third edition of World Medical Periodicals, 1961, has appeared, four years after the second edition. Like its predecessors, this edition is a useful tool. Mr. C. H. A. Fleurent has prepared the list, under the general editorship of Dr. Hugh A. Clegg, for the World Medical Association.

The date policy for inclusions appears to have been to include titles current at the time of editing, together with well-known journals which had ceased since 1900, or had suspended temporarily. There are 1,037 titles in the latter category (contrasted with 544 in the second edition). "Some 130 titles have been removed ... and as many as 1,130 have been added." The list includes 5,806 numbered entries, contrasted with 4,841 in the second edition. As with the second edition, however, the figures are modified by a closer inspection of the numbering system. The main section includes 44 entries numbered with an "a"-type device, making a total of 5,753 entries in the main section instead of 5,709 as indicated by the last number in that section. In the two appendices, on the other hand, 91 of the 107 titles duplicate entries in the main section although the numbering continues the numbers in that section. Appendix I, Principal International Abstracting Journals, consists of 89 duplicative entries and one that is listed only in Appendix I: Bibliography of Medical Reviews. In Appendix II, Principal International Indexes, there are two duplicative entries, fifteen others being listed only in Appendix II.

With these adjustments, the total of titles listed is 5,769, rather than 5,806. When the 1,037 asterisked titles have been subtracted, the result is 4,732 "current" titles, in contrast to 4,300 for the second edition and about 3,480 for the first.

Although it is essentially the same as the second edition in scope, format and type of information, a few changes are noted. In addition to including "periodicals related to medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, and veterinary medicine," it now includes "a number of journals which deal with hospital administration, buildings, and equipment." The useful subject and geographic indexes have been retained; new features are the use of a dagger to identify "titles which could not be checked" and the addition of the symbol "La" for Latin to the language symbols. Slavonic titles in the third edition are transliterated according to the Royal Society's Transliteration of Russian, Serbian, and Bulgarian for Bibliographical Purposes, 1953, instead of ISO Recommendation R9, used in the second edition.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The sixth internship program in the National Library of Medicine will commence on September 4, 1962. From fourteen applicants, representing six library schools, three young librarians have been chosen to participate in the 1962/1963 program:

Miss Patricia Ann Anderson, University of North Carolina
Miss Marcia Ginguld, Columbia University
Miss Lucille E. Wiggin, University of Michigan

Their program for the coming year will be divided into two parts. During the first nine months the interns will be given work assignments in all parts of the Library; for the remaining three months they will be assigned to regular library positions. Their program will also include visits to related institutions, regularly scheduled seminars, and opportunities for special work and study in subject or language areas.

APPROPRIATION HEARINGS

The statement of the Director, NLM, on the proposed Library budget for FY 1963 is printed on pages 741-766 of the Hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, 87th Congress, 2d Session; Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Part 2, Public Health Service. In Part 3 of these Hearings, dealing with the National Institutes of Health, there appears on pp.1595-1608 an important paper prepared by NIH staff entitled "Communication in the Biomedical Sciences."

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